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The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.
Ranking Minority Member
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6216

Dear Congressman Conyers:

This responds to your letter, dated January 14, 2005, concerning allegations of irregularities in the Ohio presidential election. We are sending identical responses to the three Members who joined in your letter to us.

We assure you that the Department of Justice places a high priority on investigating and prosecuting federal crimes affecting voting rights and the integrity of the federal election process. All credible allegations will be investigated and, where appropriate, prosecuted to the full extent of federal law. It would not be appropriate for us to comment on any specific matters that may be under investigation, but we wish to advise you that the Public Integrity Section of the Department of Justice, the United States Attorneys' Offices, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation continue to actively look into a variety of election fraud and/or voter intimidation allegations that have been brought to the attention of the Department. The information available to us does not support the appointment of a special counsel to investigate these matters.

We appreciate your concerns about the integrity of the voting process. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like assistance regarding any other matter.

Sincerely,

William E. Moschella
Assistant Attorney General